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Inquiry: Can certified and/or registered respiratory therapists take verbal orders from physicians in a home health care setting?

Response: The RCB classifies the task you listed as Classification 1A; which is nearly verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act. Please see Section 3702 of the RCPA for additional information.

To take verbal orders in California, the certified and/or registered respiratory therapist must be licensed to practice respiratory care in the State of California.

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